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Letter dated 26 August 2016 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina and Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the joint communiqué from the President of the Argentine Republic, Mauricio Macri, and the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil ad interim, Vice-President Michel Temer, issued on 18 July 2016 on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (see annex).

We should be very grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 87 and 97.

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The President of the Argentine Republic, Mauricio Macri, and the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil ad interim, Vice-President Michel Temer:

1. Reaffirming the inalienable right of States to nuclear technology for peaceful uses, as well as the strategic nature of the dialogue, coordination and trust consolidated between Argentina and Brazil in the nuclear field, welcome the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC);

2. Highlight that the signing of the Guadalajara Agreement, in 1991, whereby ABACC was created, made it possible to overcome mutual distrust and lack of understanding and to lay the foundations for a transparent and cooperative relationship;

3. Reaffirm that ABACC is an innovative mechanism for accounting and control of nuclear materials, whose effectiveness is reflected in its close cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which has led, in the last 25 years, to more than 2,500 inspections in both countries;

4. Recognize the importance of the Quadripartite Agreement, signed on 13 December 1991, between Argentina, Brazil, ABACC and IAEA which, in regulating cooperation for the joint application of nuclear safeguards, constitutes an essential element in the operation of the system and has contributed to nuclear non-proliferation in the region;

5. Reaffirm the commitment to building the Brazilian Multipurpose Reactor and Argentina's RA-10 Reactor, which are joint strategic projects that evidence mutual trust in the nuclear field and whose development will make it possible to supply the regional market with the radioisotope molybdenum-99, which is essential in nuclear medicine for diagnosis and the treatment of diseases;

6. Express their resolve to strengthen and enhance the political and technical dialogue in the nuclear field through existing bilateral mechanisms, especially the Permanent Nuclear Policy Committee and the Binational Nuclear Energy Commission;

7. Underscore the strategic nature of bilateral cooperation in the nuclear field for the development of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, which is an essential element to achieve technological autonomy in both countries;

8. Reaffirm Argentina's and Brazil's commitment to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and urge States with nuclear weapons to fully eliminate their arsenals in a transparent, verifiable and irreversible manner.